

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The text of all pending claims, including withdrawn claims, is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (Original), (Currently amended), (Cancelled), (Withdrawn), (New), (Previously presented), or (Not entered).

Please CANCEL claims 1, 3, 5, 8-10, 12, 14, 17-19, 21-47 without prejudice or disclaimer. Please AMEND claims 2, 4, 7, 11, 13, 16, and 20 in accordance with the following:

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Currently Amended) An audio system that reproduces contents information as sound in a vehicle comprising:
a portable audio apparatus carried by a passenger of said vehicle; and
an audio apparatus mounted in said vehicle,
wherein said portable audio apparatus includes
a contents information storage medium for retaining contents information, and
a transmission module for transmitting said contents information to said audio apparatus at least by radio communication,
wherein said audio apparatus includes
a reception model for receiving said contents information from said portable audio apparatus by radio communication,
a storage medium for storing said contents information received by said reception module,
a control unit for reproducing said contents information stored in said storage medium and outputting the reproduced contents information as sound from speakers mounted in said vehicle, and
~~The audio system according to claim 1, wherein said audio apparatus further comprises a detection unit for detecting whether a passenger of said vehicle has gotten off the vehicle or not, and~~
wherein said control unit includes an erasure module for erasing information stored in said storage medium according to the detection of said detection unit that a passenger of said vehicle has gotten off the vehicle.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) An audio system that reproduces contents information as sound in a vehicle, comprising:

a portable audio apparatus carried by a passenger of said vehicle; and

an audio apparatus mounted in said vehicle,

wherein said portable audio apparatus includes

a contents information storage medium for retaining contents information, and

a transmission module for transmitting said contents information to said audio apparatus at least by radio communication,

wherein said audio apparatus includes

a reception module for receiving said contents information from said portable audio apparatus by radio communication,

a storage medium for storing said contents information received by said reception module,

a control unit for reproducing said contents information stored in said storage medium and outputting the reproduced contents information as sound from speakers mounted in said vehicle, and

~~The audio system according to claim 1, wherein said audio apparatus further comprises a detection unit for detecting ignition OFF of said vehicle, and~~

wherein said control unit includes an erasure module for erasing information stored in said storage medium according to the detection by said detection unit of ignition OFF of said vehicle.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Original) The audio system according to claim 2, wherein said control unit further includes a checking module for checking whether information stored in said storage medium has been erased by said erasure module or not, and

said erasure module, when the erasure is not confirmed by said checking module, erases information stored in said storage medium again.

7. (Currently Amended) An audio system that reproduces contents information as sound in a vehicle, comprising:

- a portable audio apparatus carried by a passenger of said vehicle; and
- an audio apparatus mounted in said vehicle,
- wherein said portable audio apparatus includes
 - a contents information storage medium for retaining contents information, and
 - a transmission module for transmitting said contents information to said audio apparatus at least by radio communication,
- wherein said audio apparatus includes
 - a reception module for receiving said contents information from said portable audio apparatus by radio communication,
 - a storage medium for storing said contents information received by said reception module,
 - a control unit for reproducing said contents information stored in said storage medium and outputting the reproduced contents information as sound from speakers mounted in said vehicle, and
 - a detection unit for detecting that said portable audio apparatus has been carried out of said vehicle,
- wherein said control unit includes an erasure module for erasing information stored in said storage medium according to the detection by said detection unit that said portable audio apparatus has been carried out of the vehicle, and ~~The audio system according to claim 3, wherein said control unit further includes~~ a checking module for checking whether information stored in said storage medium has been erased by said erasure module or not, and
- wherein said erasure module, when the erasure is not confirmed by said checking module, erases information stored in said storage medium again.

8-10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) An audio system that reproduces contents information as sound in a vehicle comprising:

- a portable audio apparatus carried by a passenger of said vehicle; and
- an audio apparatus mounted in said vehicle,
- wherein said portable audio apparatus includes
 - a storage medium for retaining contents information and title information

associated with said contents information,

title information transmission modules for transmitting the title information
associated with said contents information to said audio apparatus at least by radio
communication, and

contents information transmission modules for transmitting the contents
information corresponding to the title information received from said audio apparatus to said
audio apparatus at least by radio communication,

wherein said audio apparatus includes

a title information reception module for receiving said title information from said
portable audio apparatus at least by radio communication,

a storage medium for storing said title information received by said title
information reception module,

a man-machine interface for notifying titles in said vehicle according to said title
information stored in said storage medium and allowing the passenger of said vehicle to select
contents information to be received from said portable audio apparatus with reference to the
notified titles,

a request transmission module for transmitting the title information corresponding
to the titles selected by said man-machine interface to said portable audio apparatus at least by
radio communication in order to request for the transmission of contents information
corresponding to the selected titles,

a control unit for receiving and reproducing said contents information
corresponding to said selected titles from said portable audio apparatus at least by radio
communication and outputting the reproduced contents information as sound from the speakers
mounted in said vehicle, and

~~The audio system according to claim 2, wherein said audio apparatus further~~
~~comprises a detection unit for detecting whether a passenger of said vehicle has gotten off the~~
~~vehicle or not, and~~

wherein said control unit includes an erasure module for erasing information
stored in said storage medium according to the detection by said detection unit that a passenger
of said vehicle has gotten off the vehicle.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) An audio system that reproduces contents information as

sound in a vehicle, comprising:

a portable audio apparatus carried by a passenger of said vehicle; and
an audio apparatus mounted in said vehicle,
wherein said portable audio apparatus includes
a storage medium for retaining contents information and its title information,
associated with each other,

title information transmission modules for transmitting the title information
associated with said contents information to said audio apparatus at least by radio
communication,

contents information transmission modules for transmitting the contents
information corresponding to the title information received from said audio apparatus to said
audio apparatus at least by radio communication, and

wherein said audio apparatus includes
a title information reception module for receiving said title information from said
portable audio apparatus at least by radio communication,

a storage medium for storing said title information received by said title
information reception module,

a man-machine interface for notifying titles in said vehicle according to said title
information stored in said storage medium and allowing the passenger of said vehicle to select
contents information to be received from said portable audio apparatus with reference to the
notified titles,

a request transmission module for transmitting the title information corresponding
to the titles selected by said man-machine interface to said portable audio apparatus at least by
radio communication in order to request for the transmission of contents information
corresponding to the selected titles,

a control unit for receiving and reproducing said contents information
corresponding to said selected titles from said portable audio apparatus at least by radio
communication and outputting the reproduced contents information as sound from the speakers
mounted in said vehicle, and

~~The audio system according to claim 2, wherein said audio apparatus further comprises~~

a detection unit for detecting ignition OFF of said vehicle, and
wherein said control unit includes an erasure module for erasing information
stored in said storage medium according to the detection of said detection unit of ignition OFF of
said vehicle.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Original) The audio system according to claim 11, wherein said control unit further includes a checking module for checking whether information stored in said storage medium has been erased by said erasure module or not, and

said erasure module, when the erasure is not confirmed by said checking means, erases information stored in said storage medium again.

16. (Currently Amended) An audio system that reproduces contents information as sound in a vehicle, comprising:

a portable audio apparatus carried by a passenger of said vehicle; and

an audio apparatus mounted in said vehicle,

wherein said portable audio apparatus includes

a storage medium for retaining contents information and its title information associated with each other,

title information transmission modules for transmitting the title information associated with said contents information to said audio apparatus at least by radio communication, and

contents information transmission modules for transmitting the contents information corresponding to the title information received from said audio apparatus to said audio apparatus to said audio apparatus at least by radio communication,

wherein said audio apparatus includes

title information reception module for receiving said title information from said portable audio apparatus at least by radio communication,

a storage medium for storing said title information received by said title information reception module,

a man-machine interface for notifying titles in said vehicle according to said title information stored in said storage medium and allowing the passenger of said vehicle to select contents information to be received from said portable audio apparatus with reference to the notified titles,

a request transmission module for transmitting the title information corresponding to the title selected by said man-machine interface to said portable audio apparatus at least by radio communication in order to request for the transmission of contents information

corresponding to the selected titles,

a control unit for receiving and reproducing said contents information
corresponding to said selected titles from said portable audio apparatus at least by radio
communication and outputting the reproduced contents information as sound from the speakers
mounted in said vehicle, and

a detection unit for detecting that said portable audio apparatus has been carried
out of said vehicle,

wherein said control unit includes

an erasure module for erasing information stored in said storage medium
according to the detection by said detection unit that said portable audio apparatus has been
carried out of the vehicle, and

~~The audio system according to claim 12, wherein said control unit further includes~~
a checking module for checking whether information stored in said
storage medium has been erased by said erasure module or not, and

wherein said erasure module, when the erasure is not confirmed by said checking
module, erases information stored in said storage medium again.

17-19. (Cancelled)

20. (Currently Amended) A contents reproduction method of an audio system that
reproduces contents information as sound in a vehicle, comprising:

constructing a communication system constructed of portable audio apparatus carried by
a passenger of said vehicle and an audio apparatus mounted in said vehicle that performs at
least radio communication;

transmitting contents information pre-stored in said portable audio apparatus to said
audio apparatus at least by radio communication;

storing contents information acquired in said contents information transmitting step in a
recording medium of said audio apparatus;

reproducing said contents information stored in said storage medium and outputting the
reproduced information as sound from speakers mounted in said vehicle;

erasing said contents information stored in said storage medium; and

~~The contents reproduction method according to claim 19, further comprising~~
checking whether said contents information stored in said storage medium has been
erased or not and re-erasing said contents information if the erasure is not confirmed.

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21 to 47. (Cancelled)